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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. ESHOO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 28, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANNA G. ESHOO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Amazing God, Your love surprises us. Regardless of who we are or where we have come from, what we have thought or how we have lived, You reach into our lives, into our very souls and draw us into Your loving embrace. How can we thank You?

And then You send us forth to demonstrate what love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, and faithfulness should look like in this broken world. How can we best do that?

In a time that thrives on superficiality, may we practice honesty. When it is too easy to capitalize on weaknesses, may we share our competencies. Rather than hide our vulnerability, may we dare to trust.

Then may we hear Your encouragement to erase the dividing lines of differences that all may be enfolded in Your everlasting arms.

May we rely on Your strength to care for those hardened by hurt, that all would discover Your tender love.

Surprise us again and again, O Lord, by Your mercy, that we would be inspired anew to serve You this day in our service to Your world.

In the strength of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. FEENSTRA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FEENSTRA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALEX ODEH

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Alex Odeh, a peace activist who worked to promote civil liberties for Arab Americans in the United States and civil and human rights around the world.

A Palestinian immigrant, a published poet, lecturer of Arabic language and Middle East history at Coastline College, Alex was someone who embodied the best America has to offer.

Through his work with the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Com-

mittee, he dedicated his life to achieving true equality and equity for all.

And for daring to push for a better tomorrow, Alex was murdered on October 11, 1985, when a pipe bomb exploded as he entered his ADC office in Santa Ana, California.

This horrific act of domestic terrorism targeting Arab Americans was not new, and I am proud to say it has failed to achieve its objectives.

Arab Americans and Palestinian Americans are still here, loud and proud, speaking truth to power, and carrying on Alex's fight in his memory.

Our politics of love are the only response. Those who support oppressive policies in Palestine that murdered Alex and those who continue to fearmonger and whip up hate against us to this day will not win.

We will never give up, Alex. I am proud to be here because of you.

RECOGNIZING WORLD PSORIASIS DAY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, tomorrow we will recognize World Psoriasis Day. Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are diseases that affect over 125 million people worldwide.

As a practicing dermatologist for 25 years, I have seen firsthand the toll that this condition can have on patients. This disease can often have serious and long-lasting consequences, including anxiety, depression, diabetes, and even cardiac issues.

In the past, we were often, unfortunately, unsuccessful in treating the symptoms that the men and women battling psoriasis face each and every day.

Recently, however, we are seeing new treatments and therapies that have dramatically improved our fight against psoriasis.

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Finding new and more effective treatments or finding a cure to this disease will take all of us. It will take doctors, it will take legislators, researchers, patients, and advocates working together to find solutions.

It is my promise that I will continue working to address the disease of psoriasis.

TEACHER SHORTAGE MUST BE RESOLVED

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, as the daughter of a public school teacher, an essential and prized profession, I never expected to see a shortage of 100,000 teachers. It is catastrophic, especially now when children are being vaccinated and returning to in-person learning. The teacher shortage adds urgency to President Biden's Build Back Better agenda, which features teacher residences and grow-your-own programs to improve outcomes and develop more teachers of color.

As a ranking member who helped write the pending infrastructure bill, I particularly applaud the Build Back Better agenda's investments in upgrading school infrastructure with resilient, energy-efficient buildings enriched with technology and the labs students need for the jobs of the future.

AMERICANS ARE FEELING THE PAIN

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, America is in the midst of an energy and supply chain crisis, and President Biden is nowhere to be found.

Instead, this week he will be jetting off to Europe for a climate conference to brag to our European allies about how much he is destroying America's energy economy.

In the past few months in office, President Biden canceled the Keystone pipeline, which killed over 11,000 American jobs and paused oil and gas leasing on U.S. lands and waters. The consequences of his policy decisions have been dire for hardworking American families.

The numbers don't lie. Home heating costs are projected to rise by as much as 54 percent. The national average for a gallon of gasoline reached \$3.38, and U.S. households are on track to spend \$19 billion more on energy by 2030.

Instead of working on bipartisan climate solutions, Democrats are more focused on implementing their radical Green New Deal policies and making us less energy independent.

From increased costs at the pump to heating bills, Americans are feeling the pain of President Biden's anti-energy policy in their wallets. The bottom line is socialism just does not work.

In God we trust.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, STEPS UP TO END ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of people from my hometown of Ottumwa for taking part in a great event for an even greater cause.

On October 23, 37 teams, comprised of 170 participants, took part in the 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's in my hometown of Ottumwa.

The annual walk, led by the Alzheimer's Association, is held in over 600 communities across the United States to raise funds for research and to raise awareness for the disease that over 5.8 million Americans currently live with, as did my mother prior to her death.

This year, I am proud to announce that the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Ottumwa has raised \$27,636 thus far, with donations still coming in, exceeding their initial goal of \$26,000.

Thank you to the residents of Ottumwa and the over 600 communities across the United States who have stepped up and stepped forward to put an end to this debilitating disease.

AMERICANS ARE SEETHING OVER PUMP PRICES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, Americans are seething over the price of gas every time they visit the pump.

Yesterday the national average for a gallon of gas reached \$3.39. That is more than a \$1.24 jump since last year.

Americans have not seen gas prices this high since the Obama-Biden administration. Do we see a pattern here?

Not to mention that in some parts of the country, the price for regular gas is over \$7.50 a gallon.

Madam Speaker, this is yet another crisis that President Biden can tack on to his growing list.

Since his first day in office, President Biden's actions, and especially his policies, have brought America a first-class ticket to economic ruin.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD IN MEMORY OF LOUDEN LOFGREN

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Loudon Lofgren, the son of my friend and my former colleague, Iowa State Senator Mark Lofgren.

Louden sadly passed away at 2 years of age after complications from surgery, where he needed multiple blood transfusions.

After he passed away, his family launched a blood drive, known as Love Like Loudon, to encourage folks to donate blood and draw attention to hospital shortages of blood.

Every 2 seconds, someone in America needs blood, and over 38,000 pints are needed daily.

If you can, please consider donating blood in Loudon's memory.

May God bless the Lofgren family.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 12 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) at 6 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on the postponed question at a later time.

FURTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2021

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5763) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5763

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Further Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE EXTENSION END DATE.

Section 2(2) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-44) is amended by striking "October 31, 2021" and inserting "December 3, 2021".

SEC. 3. AMENDMENT FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION FOLLOWING HIGHWAY TRUST FUND EXPIRATION.

Section 108(b) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-44) is amended by striking "that begins" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: "that begins on—

"(1) October 1, 2021, and ends on or before the date of enactment of this Act; or